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SUBJECT: JOINT SOVIET-BRITISH DECLARATION ON THE NON-
PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT UK-SOVIET DECLARATION ON NON-
PROLIFERATION WHICH WAS CLEARED FEB 15 BY GROMYKO AND
CALLAGHAN AND CARRIED TO GENEVA BY AMBASSADOR STOESSEL.
IT WILL BE RELEASED FEB 17.

2. BEGIN TEXT. THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLIC
AND THE UNITED KINGDON OF GREAT BRITIAN AND NORTHERN
IRELAND WILL DO ALL IN THEIR POWER TO STRENGTHEN INTER-NATIONAL
PEACE AND SECURITY, TO AVERT THE DANGER OF WAR
INCLUDING NUCLEAR WAR, TO END THE ARMS RACE AND TO ATTAIN
GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT UNDER STRICT AND EFFECTIVE
INTERNATIONAL CONTROL. BOTH SIDES EMPHASIZED THE
IMPORTANCE AND NECESSITY OF SERIOUS AND URGENT EFFORTS
DIRECTED AT PREVENTING THE SPREAD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.
THEY ARE CONVINCED THAT THIS IS IN THE INTERESTS OF
ALL MANKIND.
IN THIS CONNECTION, THE SOVIET UNION AND THE
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UNITED KINGDOM REAFFIRM THE GREAT IMPORTANCE OF THE

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TREATY ON THE NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.
THE TWO SIDES ARE RESOLUTELY IN FAVOR OF THE STRICT
OBSERVANCE OF THE TREATY TO WHICH THE MAJORITY OF
STATES ARE ALREADY PARTIES. THEY ARE ALSO IN FAVOR
OF THE WIDEST POSSIBLE ADHERANCE TO THE TREATY.
THE TWO SIDES, CONSIDERING THAT THE NON-PROLIFERA-
TION TREATY HAS CREATED A FAVOURABLE FRAMEWORK FOR
BROADENING INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THE PEACEFUL
USES OF ATOMIC ENERGY, WILL CONTINUE TO WORK TOGETHER
FOR SUCH COOPERATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TREATY.
THEY ARE CONVINCED THAT FURTHER MEASURES COULD BE
UNDERTAKEN TO PROVIDE NUCLEAR MATERIALS,EQUIPMENT
AND INFORMATION FOR PEACEFUL USES IN NON-NUCLEAR-
WEAPONS STATES. HOWEVER, SUCH MEASURES SHOULD BE
UNDER EFFECTIVE SAFEGUARDS BY THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC
ENERGY AGENCY AND SHOULD NOT IN ANY WAY CONTRIBUTE
OF THE SPREAD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. IT IS THEIR HOPE
THAT ALL SUPPLIERS OF NUCLEAR MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT
WILL OBSERVE THE SAFEGUARDS APPLIED BY THE IAEA TO
MEET ARTICLE III OF THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY.
THE TWO SIDES, CONSCIOUS OF THEIR OBLIGATION TO
ENSURE THAT POTENTIAL BENEFITS FROM ANY PEACEFUL
APPLICATIONS OF NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS WILL BE MADE AVAIL-
ABLE THROUGH APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL PROCEDURES, WILL
CONTINUE TO COOPERATE WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE
IAEA IN THIS FIELD.
THE SOVIET UNION AND THE UNITED KINGDON WELCOMES
THE PROGRESS ACHIEVED IN RECENT YEARS IN LIMITING
STRATEGIC ARMS AND NUCLEAR WEAPONS TEXTS. THE TWO SIDES
AIM AT THE DISCONTINUANCE OF ALL TEST EXPLOSIONS OF
NUCELAR WEAPONS FOR ALL TIME. IN THE MEANTIME, TILL
THE CONCLUSION OF AN APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT
FOR THIS PURPOSE, THEY WILL WORK FOR AGREEMENTS LIMIT-
ING THE NUMBER OF UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR WEAPONS TESTS TO
A MINIMUM.
THE TWO SIDES SHARE A COMMON CONCERN THAT NUCLEAR
MATERIALS SHOULD BE CAREFULLY PROTECTED AT ALL TIMES
AND THAT ADEQUATE SAFETY MEASURES SHOULD BE APPLIED BY
ALL COUNTRIES TO RADIOACTIVE WASTE.
THE TWO SIDES ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE CON-
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FERENCE WHICH IS TO MEET IN GENEVA IN MAY 1975 IN ORDER
TO REVIEW THE OPERATION OF THE NON-PROLIFERATION
TREATY. THEY BELIEVE THAT THIS REVIEW SHOULD
STRENGTHEN THE EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
TREATY; AND IT WILL BE THEIR JOINT PURPOSE TO MAKE
A SUCCESS OF THE CONFERENCE.
THE SOVIET UNION AND THE UNITED KINGDON DECLARE
THIER COMMON INTENTION TO WORK OUT MEANS OF GIVING

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EFFECT TO THE OBJECTIVES EXPRESSED ABOVE. THEY WILL CONTINUE TO STRIVE WITH A SENSE OF URGENCY TO FURTHER THE CAUSE OF DISARMAMENT AT APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL FORA, INCLUDING THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE CONFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT. END TEXT. KISSINGER

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